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1. The supplemental preliminary amendment filed September 9, 2003 proposes amendments to 12-25 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications and specifically states that for each patent claim that is being amended, the entire text of the patent claim must be presented with markings (i.e. underlining and [brackets]). The supplemental preliminary amendment presents claims which were not patent claims, therefore all these newly presented claims should be underlined in their entirety. It appears that applicant is crossing out certain limitations in which were presented in the preliminary amendment filed July 29, 2003, this is unnecessary since all of the newly presented claims were not patent claims (and therefore there is no need for brackets).

A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

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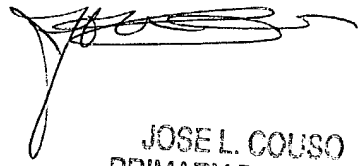
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